

Revisions to General Special Provisions Effective August 7, 2006

Please note: New revisions to WSDOT General Special Provisions are described below. Previous GSP's that are not revised in this package are still in effect. Special Provisions take precedence over the Standard Specifications in accordance with Section 1-04.2. The following list is a brief overview of the current revisions, with an explanation of why each change was made. The actual provisions should be reviewed in depth to become completely knowledgeable of the full extent of the revisions. These provisions are available at the following location: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/eesc/design/projectdev/>

GSP 02063A.FR1 Type B and C Progress Schedule

This GSP is revised to provide a minimum bid item for complex (Type C) progress schedules.

GSP 020631.FR1 Cumulative Alternate Bidding

This GSP has been used successfully as a special provision for at least the last several years. It enables the Department to award bid alternates up to the amount of the funds available. It is seeing increased usage lately because of the fact that Nickel and TPA projects are financed by line-item appropriations.

GSP 0709014.GR1 Wage Rates for Landscape Construction

This provision is modified to clarify the requirements for employing labor classifications that are not prevailed. These changes are required because the specs are really misleading about how to have a rate determined.

GSP 07182.FR1 Relations with Railroad

The 72 hour notice requirement was changed to a fill-in to accommodate other railroads that may require more time. A statement was added to clarify obligation for costs associated with railroad protective services. The reference to negligence is removed, because neglect has no bearing on whether the contractor has completed the work associated with the railroad. The "Contractor's Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance" requirements duplicate the insurance already required in the Standard Specs. The fill-ins were removed and the heading changed to "Commercial General Liability Insurance" to be consistent with the Std Spec.

GSP 07183.GR1 Contractors Right of Entry and Insurance Requirements – BNSF

The specific insurance requirements were removed and reference made to the insurance required by the railroad. The railroad requires the contractor to enter into various agreements prior to beginning work in their right-of-way, and those agreements contain the specific insurance requirements. The statement that BNSF shall not be named insured is unnecessary because the railroad would only be named if we expressly require it, and we do not. The statement that the insurance shall be carried during the term of work involving the railroad was removed because it conflicted with the statement that the insurance shall be carried until completion of the contract. The reference to negligence is removed, because neglect has no bearing on whether the contractor has completed the work associated with the railroad.

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GSP 07184.GR1 Contractors Right of Entry and Insurance Requirements – UPRR

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GSP 0723015.FR1 Lane Closures

This new GSP standardizes the Lane Closure restrictions included in many contracts by special provision. Each Region had specials that were nearly identical.

GSP 0803.GR1 Type C Progress Schedule

This is a new GSP that requires a higher level of detail in the progress schedule. It is designed for use in multi-season projects of high cost that are complex, requiring multiple stages with high public impact, requiring a higher level of coordination and reporting. It is not appropriate to be used in projects that are linear or where the impacts of a contractor's progress are readily evident, regardless of cost or duration. Use of this provision requires advance approval of the HQ Construction Office. This provision is a product of the AGC/WSDOT Administration Team.

GSP 08042.GR1 Prosecution of Work

This new GSP is designed to allow a delayed start of work to occur 10 days after providing a written notice to the Contractor.

GSP 08043.FR1 Prosecution of Work

This new GSP is designed to allow a delayed start of work to occur after a specified calendar date.

GSP 0805A.GR1 Time for Completion

This new GSP is written to address how working days are charged when the contract specifically prohibits critical work. An example of when to apply this provision would be when lane closures are restricted on the Friday prior to a holiday weekend on a paving project.

GSP 08052.FR1 Time for Completion

This GSP is deleted. The provision allowed a suspension of work for procurement of critical signal and illumination materials. This provision has been rewritten as GSP 08061.FR1 expanded to provide a fill-in for procurement of any materials known to be critical, and is inserted into the contract in Section 1-08.6.

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GSP 08055.FR1 Time for Completion

This GSP is deleted. The provision allowed a suspension of work for procurement of critical signal and illumination materials. This provision has been rewritten as GSP 08061.FR1 expanded to provide a fill-in for procurement of any materials known to be critical, and is inserted into the contract in Section 1-08.6.

GSP 08058.FR1 Time for Completion

This new GSP is designed to allow a delayed start of work to occur 10 days after providing a written notice to the Contractor.

GSP 080581.FR1 Time for Completion

This new GSP is designed to allow a delayed start of work to occur after a specified calendar date.

GSP 08061.GR1 Suspension of Work

This is a new GSP that will allow a Procurement Suspension for obtaining critical materials identified during the design of the project. This provision replaces two existing GSP's 08055.FR1 and 08052.FR1 that provide suspensions for obtaining electrical items. This provision is enhanced to allow a fill-in for the type of material subject to suspension, and more correctly supplements the Suspension of Work clause rather than the Time for Completion clause. This spec is a product of the AGC/WSDOT Administration Team.

GSP 0809.GR1 Liquidated Damages

This new GSP standardizes the interim liquidated damages provision included in many contracts by special provision. Each Region had specials that were nearly identical.

GSP 040310b.gr5, 04043.GR5 and 04052A.GR5 Longitudinal Joint Density

This is a new set of GSP's designed to address problems with HMA compaction along the longitudinal joint. It is a product of cooperation with the Washington Asphalt Paving Association.

GSP 120201.GB6 Precast Concrete Noise Barrier Walls

Based on discussions between local fabricators of precast concrete noise barrier wall panels and Bijan Khaleghi, Bridge and Structures Office Concrete Specialist, certain details for precast concrete noise barrier walls are being revised. While most of the revisions concern the details shown in the Standard Plans, one change is independent of the Standard Plans and affects the material specification of the panel anchorage at the foundation.

GSP 130201.GB6 Welded Wire Faced Structural Earth Wall Materials

As we are currently experiencing difficulties with the test for Brittle Fracture, WSDOT Test Method T 926, WSDOT is suspending the use of this test until the test procedure can be re-evaluated. The test is producing failing results from products that otherwise meet all applicable specifications.

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GSP 130202.GB6 Precast Concrete Panel Faced Structural Earth Wall Materials

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GSP 130203.GB6 Concrete Block Faced Structural Earth Wall Materials

As we are currently experiencing difficulties with the test for Brittle Fracture, WSDOT Test Method T 926, WSDOT is suspending the use of this test until the test procedure can be re-evaluated. The test is producing failing results from products that otherwise meet all applicable specifications.

GSP 1402102.FB6 Geosynthetic Properties for Temporary Geosynthetic Retaining Walls

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GSP 02051.GR8 Payment

This standard item name is updated to reflect new naming conventions for Coarse and Fine Compost.

GSP 02051A.GR8 Payment

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GSP 200225.GR8 Traffic Signal Standards

This GSP is updated with preapproved drawings for new Closed Circuit Television poles.

GSP 200226.GR8 Traffic Signal Standards

This GSP is updated with preapproved drawings for new Closed Circuit Television poles.

GSP 140481.GR9 Compost

The existing GSP for compost east of the mountains is revised in soluble salt content, and by providing a test method.

GSP 14062.GR9 Conservation Grade Plant Material

This new GSP for Conservation Grade Material allows healthy plants of lesser aesthetic quality to be used in areas that are not readily visible, such as wetland mitigation areas and out of the way locations.